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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONSULTANT CONTRACTS IN YEMEN

1. IN MEETING MAY 19 WITH AMBASSADOR AND ECONOFF, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS KORSHUMI LISTED THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN WHICH YARG IS SEEKING EXPERT FOREIGN GUIDANCE:

A. HIGHWAYS. NEXT 5-YEAR PLAN WILL INCLUDE 2000 KM OF PAVED ROADS. DETAILED PLANS FOR TWO PARTS OF THIS NETWORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY JUNE AND MINISTRY HAS USD 85 MILLION BUDGETED FOR THESE TWO ROADS. MINISTER SAID YAR IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT FIRM TO TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THERE ARE ALREADY HIGHWAY ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FIRMS OPERATING IN THE YAR. KARSHUMI WAS SPECIFIC IN HIS REQUEST FOR AN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT FIRM TO OVERSEE THE ENTIRE HIGHWAY PROGRAM. REQUEST THAT YOU CONTACT THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMIN., FOREIGN OPERATIONS BRANCH TO OBTAIN LIST OF CONSULTANTS, OR STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT IN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. AID/W MAY BE OF HELP IN THIS REGARD. EMBASSY WILL PASS THAT LIST DIRECTLY TO MINISTER.

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KORSHUMI ALSO INDICATED THAT HE MAY BE INTERESTED IN A HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FIRM PARTICIPATING IN A JOINT VENTURE. REQUEST YOU ALSO PROVIDE LIST OF REPUTABLE CONSTRUCTION FIRMS FOR PASSAGE TO MINISTER.

B. PORTS. MINISTER KORSHUMI INFORMED EMBOFF THAT THE WORLD BANK HAD RECENTLY AGREED TO LEND USD 6 MILLION FOR PORT IMPROVEMENT. MOST OF THE FUNDS WILL

BE SPENT ON THE PORT OF HODEIDAH., BUT YARG PLANS IMPROVEMENTS FOR BOTH OLD PORT OF MOKHA AND NEW PORT OF SALIF. MANAGEMENT CONTRACT OF JOINT VENTURE IS ALSO SOUGHT HERE. PLANS ARE CURRENTLY IN CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION. UPON COMPLETION, TENDERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR PORT IMPROVEMENT.

2. FOR CAGNE: WE HAVE BEEN ASKED SEVERAL TIMES BY YARG OFFICIALS FOR A LIST OF AMERICAN FIRMS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN A "SHORT LIST" OF FIRMS IN SUCH AREAS AS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, PORT CONSTRUCTION, CIVIL ENGINEERING, ETC. CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY GUIDANCE ON HOW TO GO ABOUT THIS?
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